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18 MS. PICHOT: Okay. My name is Mary Pichot,  
19 spelled P-I-C-H-O-T. My address is 709 South Mallard  
20 Street, M-A-L-L-A-R-D, Las Vegas, 89107. What else do  
21 you need? Anything else? Just my statement now, okay.

22 It's not going to be a very long statement,  
23 just to indicate that I don't think that it's a safe  
24 site. I think that there's concerns about water and  
25 possibly irradiation entering water through cracks in

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1 the rocks and earth movements. I also don't think that  
2 it's safe to have it there because of the possible  
3 dangers of transportation of the radioactive materials  
4 all across the country.

5 Since this terrible September 11th incident,  
6 I think it's become more obvious to people that  
7 transferring this material across the United States, it  
8 becomes even more of a dangerous type of situation. I  
9 think that unloading of radioactive material for  
10 storage in Nevada, as they remove it at the Nevada test  
11 site, it becomes also another target for possible  
12 terrorist activity.

13 So, in addition to all the things that have  
14 been brought up all of these years through, with the

15 many articles in the newspaper about the various  
16 reasons that the Nevada test site is ill-suited for  
17 this, and besides the fact that ever since I've been on  
18 the Colorado River Commission when I was appointed to  
19 the commission years ago, I remember at the various  
20 meetings I was at being told by the energy  
21 representatives there that their goal was to have  
22 nuclear waste deposited in Nevada, and that was their  
23 goal, and the goal they had many, many years ago, and  
24 certainly a goal that they have worked assiduously for.

25 I think that the many reasons that have been

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1 brought up in opposition to the test site are valid,  
2 but I would say the scariest things for me right now  
3 are the possible terrorist activities that could take  
4 place because these could be terrorists from other  
5 countries, but they could be home-grown terrorists,  
6 too. So I think that must be taken into consideration  
7 very carefully as something that could harm a great  
8 number of people, not only in Nevada, but elsewhere  
9 through the United States as this material is  
10 transported on its way to Nevada.

11 That's all.